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Even Brazil is catching the international fever—war—and a revolution has just been headed off.

Among winter tourists in Vermont—a myriad of germs which travel under the family name of Prevailing Dietsemper, "Speed the parting guest"—yes, high speed!

Once the sweetness and general excellence of Vermont's maple sugar products becomes known, there will be no further need of advertising, for the product will sell itself.

Already 700 automobile licenses have been granted for 1916 by the Vermont secretary of state. That would have been called "rushing the season" not many years ago.

If President Wilson and William J. Bryan go on the stump in opposition to each other on the preparedness issue, they will split the Democratic party wide enough to drive through a coach-and-four. There is no doubt that Bryan still has a sizeable following in the Democratic party despite his desertion of his chief in a grave crisis.

The announcement that Italy and France are sending orders for a quarter of a billion of American products will lead to the usual gamble among speculators to know what industries are to be favored. The stock market is likely to take a flight in anticipation of the placing of the orders. After the definite placing of the orders, there will be another flurry in the price of the particular stocks affected. The stock market thrives on excitement of this sort.

The official investigation of the causes leading up to the explosion on the United States submarine E-2 resulted in the conclusion that the cause was the blowing up of an Edison battery; yet almost in the same breath the statement is made that the work of installing Edison batteries for the same type on two other submarines under construction will be continued until a change in policy is decided upon. To the average business man that would appear to be a poor business proposition. Why not halt the work of installing the Edison batteries on the other submarines until it is definitely determined that the batteries are suitable and safe? In case it should be decided to displace the Edison batteries, that would necessitate doing the same work twice; it would be necessary to take out the Edison batteries and install new equipment. A few weeks' or a few months' delay in completing the submarines for service would be preferable.

The Rutland Woman's club has begun a campaign to secure more representation for women on the school board of that city, seeking to get the election of two women at the municipal election in March. A representation of women on a school board, provided the women are persons who keep abreast of current affairs in their own city and their own country, is likely to prove advantageous to any community, inasmuch as women will bring to the consideration of school problems a somewhat different viewpoint than a board composed entirely of men would be likely to have. Moreover, school problems are as much the concern of the women as they are of the men—more so from one standpoint because the women of a community are closely associated with the schools through their daily task of getting the children ready for school and are, therefore, oftentimes more conversant with the needs of the schools. The influence of the right sort of women on a school board would be very beneficial.

When society leaders in New York took up skating as a fad, at last they did something, for the skating craze has spread all over New York City and then extended into far distant states, or rather into those states which can boast of a pondful of ice. As has been well said, this fad is not like its predecessor, the tango, in that it is not accompanied by such evils as a stuffy indoor atmosphere and copious libations of that which cheers but leaves a bad head in the morning. Skating means free, pure atmosphere; it means the vigorous exercise of a great many muscles of the whole body under conditions which conduce to health; it means little or no drinking when the exercise is actually being indulged in; it means, when not followed by excess of eating and drinking, a refreshing sleep for the participant. Therefore, skating is about all good and with almost no bad about it, barring perhaps too strenuous indulgence in it. New York society leaders are to be thanked.

LOSS OF HUMAN PRODUCT.
The German casualty list, as prepared by German government officials and published in the German newspapers, reveals what an appalling devastation war works among the human product of a nation. There is every reason to believe the figures as compiled by a British government official are true because they are taken from the German reports. So far as known no complete casualty list has been published.



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been published in the German press. Perhaps there is good reason for the latter omission inasmuch as the total casualties amount to two and one-half millions of men and the dead alone number more than half a million men. All of them were men in the prime of life (the military age when it comes to talking in terms of war), men who were engaged in the everyday pursuits of peace when the alarm of war was heard throughout the nation. When the war ends, Germany, like all the other belligerent nations, will look in vain for more than half a million men (perhaps 'twill be a million before peace is declared), will find a million or two million men incapacitated for carrying on their previous work and will fail to gather a million more men who have been taken prisoners or who are felled on a battlefield. The casualties will make a tremendous deficiency in the human product of that nation, as of all the others engaged.

AGRICULTURE IN VERMONT.
Just for the purpose of interesting comparison between two sister states as to agricultural pursuits, it might be stated that Vermont has nearly twice as many horses as New Hampshire, almost three times as many milch cows, little short of three times as many other cattle, about the same proportion of excess of sheep and twice as many swine. Extending the comparison, we find that no state in the New England group has figures of livestock that equal Vermont's, Maine alone being a near competitor. And yet, Vermont is by no means wholly an agricultural state, for it has large and powerful industries of an entirely different nature. But agriculture is being carried on on a large scale in Vermont, that is, as large as the size of the farming lands will permit; and it might be added that the Vermont farmers are becoming more and more skillful in their pursuit under the impetus of their own reasoning and the influence of the state's agricultural department and the state agricultural college at Burlington. Farming is growing to be not merely a means of making a livelihood but a means of making money as well; it is more and more a business instead of an occupation forced on one by reason of circumstances.

In this connection it is interesting to note the following statement from the Rutland News: "Wisconsin is the only state, according to the last official reports, that has a larger number of cow testing associations than Vermont. It is also shown that Vermont is the first state in the union in the matter of dairy products, considering its size and population. Regardless of population, moreover, this state is 'way up near the head of the list. Both of these facts are splendidly to the credit of the interests in this state devoted to the development of better herds and more of them."

Vermont people as a rule are conservative and somewhat slow to make changes, but it must be conceded that Vermont farmers are showing themselves remarkably open-minded when it comes to a consideration of really improved methods of carrying on their occupation.

Big rubber sale going on at Shea's. Men's \$1 and \$1.25 grade Converse rubbers, 70c a pair.

CURRENT COMMENT

A Good Choice.
Vermont's strongest fiduciary institution, the National Life Insurance company of Montpelier, made an excellent selection which will be generally approved in electing Fred A. Howland its president to succeed the late Joseph A. DeBoer. Mr. Howland was the logical man for the place, having served the company 13 years as counsel, and in recent years filling also the positions of director and vice-president. He is a strong, well-poised man of sound judgment who has given a good account of himself in many positions of responsibility. The company also made a wise choice in electing Clarke C. Fitts of Brattleboro, one of the ablest lawyers the state has ever produced, a director for a term of three years to the vacancy caused by the death of ex-Governor John G. McCullough of Bennington. The state has good reason to be proud of an institution like the National Life, which has assets of more than \$81,000,000, and has increased its outstanding insurance in the past year over \$6,000,000.—Brattleboro Reformer.

Mr. Gompers Favors Real Preparedness.
Samuel Gompers' declaration in favor of preparedness before the National Civic Federation in Washington is exceptionally significant. In view of the difficulties of the English cabinet in dealing with labor during the war, one naturally wonders why the American Federation of Labor, through its president, should come out so enthusiastically for preparedness.

The truth is that Mr. Gompers takes a large view. Preparedness means more than the accumulation of arms and ammunition. It extends to the proper organization and alignment of all the industrial resources of the country. When a nation stands ready to prepare itself for either war or peace, that nation is becoming self-conscious instead of complacent. And a self-conscious nation is a good nation for labor. It recognizes the full value of labor and is willing to grant labor a large share in the national councils.

In a sense this is vague; but it is also extremely pertinent. In New England we have developed a vast munitions industry. The close of the war will bring a critical labor situation. Men will be thrown out of work after a period of an overhanging dinner pail. But if the zeal for genuine preparedness has taken strong hold, there is a chance that it will absorb the productive capacity thus set free.—Boston Herald.

If It Only Were.
Little Johnny was sorely troubled one morning. Prohibitions great and small met him at every turn. It was "no" to this and "no" to that till at last he began to cry, angrily exclaiming to his mother between sobs, "I wish 'no' was a swear word, mamma, so you couldn't say it."—American Boy.

Firmness of Purpose.
Firmness of purpose is one of the most necessary elements of character and one of the best instruments of success. Without it genius wastes its efforts in a maze of inconsistencies.

Expectation.
Montague—So the Jimson girl eloped with young Perkins? Are her parents much worried? Melissa—Awfully. Every day they are expecting a letter asking for money.—Judge.

Those Funny Stories.
A well known trouble with conversation is that you can't talk to some men half a minute without reminding them of a funny story that isn't very funny. —Toledo Blade.

TOOK SEVEN HEATS TO DECIDE RACE

And Then Madame Wilkes Captured the Green Race on the Ice Course at Montpelier Yesterday Afternoon.

The opening race meet of the Capital City Driving club held yesterday afternoon on the Winooski river course in Montpelier was featured by a seven-heat contest in the Green race, the race finally being won by Madame Wilkes, the colt showing wonderful finishing powers. In the first four starts Madame Wilkes was unable to land better than second place, but easily took the last three heats, winning the sixth in the fastest time made in the race.

Molly Wilkes, owned by Leno, won the colt race in straight heats, best time 56 seconds, and Anna Deen, the Barre mare owned by McLeod, took the honors in the 2:25 class after being nosed out by Duke in the opening heat. The best time of the afternoon was made by Duke, 45 seconds.

Although the weather was all that could be expected and the course was in perfect condition, fast time was not anticipated, the meet being hardly more than a preliminary workout for many of the entries.

The summary:
Colt Race—Blanket, Bells and Whip.
Molly Wilkes (Leno)..... 1 1
Queen Wilkes (Towne)..... 2 2
Time—59, 56.

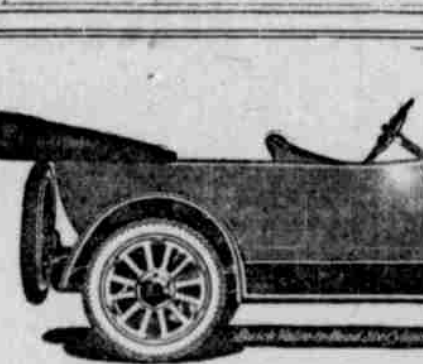
2:25 Class—Purse, \$25.
Anna Deen (McLeod)..... 2 1 1
Duke (Towne)..... 1 3 3 3
Borakko (Lillie)..... 3 2 2 2
Time—45, 46, 48, 48.

Green Race—Blanket, Bells and Whip.
Madame Wilkes (Warren) 3 2 2 2 1 1
Major (Forrest)..... 2 1 1 3 2 3 3
Max L. Bingen (Lanphier) 1 3 3 1 3 2 2
Baby S. (Towne)..... 4 4 dr.
Time—52½, 55, 56, 54½, 55, 51, 56.
Starter—Joseph Buzzell. Judges—Ralph Brown, George Bedell, Harry Britton.

King Strang's Rise and Fall.
A kingdom was once set up on Beaver Island, in northern Lake Michigan, and flourished for some years. James Jesse Strang, a prominent Mormon, had quarreled with the leaders of his church and in 1846 withdrew with a few followers to that island. Other Mormons joined the colony from time to time, and by the winter of 1848 they were sufficiently numerous to threaten control of the island. On July 8, 1850, Strang was crowned king with elaborate ceremonies. There was much controversy between the Mormons and the other inhabitants of the island, mostly fishermen. While on a visit to Detroit President Fillmore heard of this little kingdom within the domain of the United States. He sent an armed vessel to Beaver Island, and King Strang was captured and tried for treason. He conducted his own defense and made such an eloquent plea that he was acquitted. In 1856 he was assassinated, and his kingdom fell with him.

The Oldest Sequoia.
The oldest sequoia is over 3,150 years of age. A family of five could have picked under this tree when the Greeks were building their wooden horse under the walls of Troy and Pharaoh and his army were being engulfed in the waters of the Red sea. It has been the contemporary of every famous man and event since the foggy dawn of history. While innumerable multitudes of men and women fretted their way through the drearily important wink or two of time that they called life, this tree contented itself with getting a little thicker in the trunk and wreathing its top in more majestic foliage. Nowadays people who have made their piles, possibly in the lumber business, often motor down to look at it, and their wives gaze up among its awful branches and say, "My, how pretty!"—San Francisco Bulletin.

Buying Army Discharges.
A discharge may be purchased by a soldier who has served at least one year in the army if he is stationed within the confines of the United States. If he is serving in Alaska or anywhere outside the continental limits of the United States or if his organization has been ordered to take station outside the continental limits he cannot obtain a discharge. The price at which a soldier may purchase his discharge, as taken from general orders No. 4, war department, Washington, D. C., Jan. 8, 1906, is as follows: "After one year's service, \$120; two years, \$160; three years, \$200; four years, \$240; five years, \$280; six years, \$320; seven years, \$360; eight years, \$400; nine years, \$440; ten years, \$480; eleven years, \$520."—Philadelphia Press.



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AMUSEMENT NOTES

"The Spring Maid" is a Beautiful Viennese Opera.

At the Barre opera house on Monday evening, Jan. 24, "The Spring Maid," the beautiful Viennese opera, the work of Heinrich Reinhardt of Berlin and Vienna fame; and Harry B. and Robert B. Smith, whose names are familiar to all lovers of light and comic opera, will make its first appearance here. Thus far this season the revival of this beautiful opera has been greeted at every performance by large and enthusiastic audiences, who invariably leave the theatre humming strains from "Day Dreams," "Two Little Bees," "The Fountain Fairy," or "How I Love a Pretty Face." A long time will lapse before we get another entertainment that will create the enthusiasm "The Spring Maid" will and in departing leave such pleasant memories in its wake.

The story delightfully told to music that charms the ear and clings to the memory and sticks to the lips passes away an evening as if by magic; and the love tale interwoven throughout the two acts is acted by a cast seldom found in light opera of this kind.

In the role of the saucy princess disguised as the spring maid, Georgie Campbell has won all hearts. As Annamiri, the real spring girl, Frances Golden is an artist of delightful methods and quite lives up to her previous reputation as a soubrette of extreme refinement. Callie Van Vliet, as the statuesque Ursula has scored one of the hits of the piece.

The comedy is in the safe keeping of Ben Byron and Arthur Wooley, and this fact alone means an evening of convulsions of laughter.

Charles Fulton as the naughty Prince Aladar possesses a lyric tenor voice of great power and range, so seldom heard in light opera these days.—adv.

Park Theatre.

What can't Elsie Janis do? After seeing her wonderful lariat dance with the cowboys in her new Bosworth incorporated, photo-comedy, "Nearly a Lady," that is the first question that arises.

Mimic, singer, dancer, author, Elsie Janis is gifted with the ability to assimilate any new pursuit and make herself so the master of it that she outdoes even those who have been at it for years. In "Nearly a Lady," the Montana cowboys, headed by Art Accord, the famous rider, demonstrate some of these bewildering dances with Elsie Janis looking on. When they are finished she frankly dolls her riding skirt and uncomfortable riding breeches and boots and proceeds to do the lariat dance she has just seen. With toes tipping prettily in perfect time she dances inside the whirling rope which by means of her supple wrist, all the time describes a flying hoop around her like the hoop of a cymeline. And the marvel of it is that her dance is far more expert than those of Art Accord and his boys, who are genuine cowboys, bred and brought up on ranch and range. "Nearly a Lady," the third of the film comedies Elsie Janis has played for Bosworth incorporated, is her favorite. Filled with action of a new kind and carrying a pretty love story it quite justifies her preference. See this Friday evening.—adv.

Soup Without a Spoon.

Soup without a spoon seems even harder to negotiate than meat without a fork, and we can sympathize with the complaint recorded in the diary of Felix Platter, a young Swiss, who went to Montpelier in 1552 in order to study medicine. He lodged in the house of his professor, Cateau, one of the greatest doctors of his time, and yet, writes Platter, "we were compelled to eat our stew in the usual French fashion—that is to say, picking the meat out with our fingers and then drinking the broth. In vain we begged our hostess to let us have spoons, but not a single one was to be found in the house, the only implement on the table being a large knife fastened with an iron chain. No one here seems to have ever heard of spoons, which we at home find so useful." Montaigne was astonished when he visited Switzerland in 1580 to find that "at all meals they put on the table as many spoons as there are people present."—Westminster Gazette.

Hogge's Horse, at Buxted, Sussex, England, in the center of the old iron district, was formerly the residence of Ralph Hogge, an ironmaster. He is celebrated as having been the first to cast a cannon in one piece. This occurred in 1543.

Queer Death Customs.

The Egyptians, believing that dead people needed the things they used when alive, sometimes killed the favorite slave and horse of the dead man. In India, for the same reason, widows were burned with the corpses of their husbands.

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